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Hongkong, August 11, 1909.

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MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, April 30.

We have to register another collapse.

The floors of the Hoi Tung Bank were

closed to the public to-day. Lee Kiang

Paw, the owner and manager, has vanished.

Though not a first-rate concern the bank

held a few valuable assets in real property.

But these, we understand, had changed

hands some time back. We have as yet

not been able to determine the validity of

the respective deeds of grant; for the law

demands an interval of forty days from

date of execution before a conveyance is

effective.

Madame Ricou, of the Electric Works, had

a nasty spill as her private rickshaw was

doubling the corner by the Leal Senado.

Though the accident gave no serious concern

we were sorry to learn the lady was badly

hurt about the face, her dress being

smirched with blood as she was conveyed

home.

It is interesting to observe how the

native Christians are falling in with

Western use and wont. On Thursday last

after a marriage ceremony at San Lázaro's

the contracting parties proceeded together

in chairs to the bridegroom's instead of

parting company at the Church gate when

the bride repaired to her old home and only

rejoined her husband in the evening.

The recurrence of the 29th April, when

in 1826 Dom Pedro IV gave Portugal her

constitutional charter, was observed as a

general holiday. A royal salute was fired

at midday. In the evening the band

discussed on the Praça, though the gale

kept away the usual promenaders and

marred the fringes of light on public

buildings.

Small squads of garrison police are now

told off on patrol from 6 to 9 p.m. daily.

We hope the new move will keep our

guardians of the peace from nodding.

The Colony has lost another old hand in

Sr. José da Silva, who passed away this

morning at the age of 38. In the early

eighties he edited the Independent. In

the memorable typhoon of 18th September,

1908, he had a close shave on board the

Heungshan.

Sanction has been given to another sup-

plementary vote for our P.W.D. To much

good use have these allowances been de-
voted if we may trust our eyes.

During the forty-eight hours which en-

sued on the tragic end of Governor

Ferreira do Amaral, the martyr, to an

unswerving patriotism, at the hands of

dastardly brutes on the evening of 22nd

August, 1909, the fate of Macao hung by a

thread. Chinese resentment following the

summary abolition of the Ho Pa from

Portuguese territory and the consequent

expulsion of the Chinese, was roused to its

hottest pitch. Some thousand natives

gathered to defend the fort at

Pak Si Liang, which held 18 cannon and a

garrison of 400 strong, at about half an hour's

easy march from the barrier gates. With

the forces then available in Macao

resistance was preposterous, and doom

was imminent. In this emergency a

young artillery lieutenant, Vicente Nicolau

de Mesquita, a Macanese, volunteered

to oppose the menacing hordes and the

Comandante do Governo faintly assented to

the mad idea, fully convinced Macao was

done for. "Fell, woe whoever wishes to

die!" were the historic words of Mesquita

as he sallied forth from the frontier lines at

the head of 38 daring sons of the soil.

Against the fiercest odds and under

a heavy fire the intrepid band invested the

fort from which the Portuguese colours

shortly after were displayed. The gallant

patriots utterly routed the panicky-
ricken invaders who later on declared that they

had to do, not with men, but with thirty-
seven devils.

In after years the self-same Mesquita

rather than face a daughter's shame, by one

lethal stroke put an end to wife and

family, leaving one child who contrived to

effect her escape, and then died by his own

hand. His wild act incurred the incalculable

ban of posthumous ostracism decreed by

the Church and for the last sixty years

the remains of the immortal hero have

been relegated to the unhallowed area

without the precincts of God's acre to mingle

with the dust of supposed impotent

pariahs without so much as a chip to mark

the spot. Disowned by Rome, unhonoured

by the State, for even military honours

were denied, Mesquita has not been un-
wep much less forgotten. Hitherto every effort

to prevail on the recalcitrant clerical

authorities has proved unavailing, albeit

when the Dean of the Cathedral was found

strangled in his bedroom some fourteen

years ago a very handy medical certificate

for temporary insanity secured for the

remains all the deference vouchsafed to such

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HONGKONG,
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Hongkong, April 18, 1907.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW:

Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, etc. at Messrs Hughes & Hough's

Sales Rooms.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, etc. at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's

Sales Rooms.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, May 7—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curio-

s, etc. at Messrs Hughes & Hough's

Sales Rooms.

9 p.m.—Boxing at the Stadium of Belle

View Hotel.

TUESDAY, May 10—

4 p.m.—Meeting of Yangtze Insurance

Association, Ltd., at Head Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1910

THE THEATRE ROYAL.

The hot weather has now fairly set in

and for the next seven months Hong-

kong will seek its pleasures mostly in

the open-air, the Theatre Royal therefore

being left to the tender mercies of its

caretakers. But looking back over the

past, cold season, with its many theatrical

and other amusements we are filled

with amazement at the easy, complaisant

mood with which Hongkong puts up

with its one and only theatre. It is

laughable to read of this particu-

lar British Colony being described as

an up-to-date place when it is con-

tent with such an apology for a

playhouse. Early every other settle-

ment of importance in the Far East

where foreigners are living in any num-

bers, has remodelled its theatre of late

years, and naturally a good deal of sur-

prise is occasioned to the newcomer on

seeing the barn-like structure Hongkong

complacently tolerates. It seems in-

credible that a playhouse of to-day

in a city which boasts of its progressive

enterprise, should be entirely without a

refreshment bar, without ladies'

retiring rooms, without even the or-

dinary amenities now inseparable from

the most modest house of entertain-

ment. More incredible still that the

fashionable seats are only to be

approached by a steep and narrow spiral

staircase; that the acoustic properties

of the theatre are so indifferent that it

is only in certain places that one can

hear with anything like approaching

comfort the words uttered or sung

upon the stage; while the arrangements

of the seats in the grand circle prevents

the side positions from securing an

adequate view of the stage. Yet these

are only a few of its more glaring defects

and deficiencies.

Some months ago Mr. MURDER BARN-

MANN offered, we believe, to practically

reconstruct the Theatre Royal and bring

it thoroughly up to date, if he were

of an electric fan; or the possibility

of getting out of the theatre. Yet

such is the fact, and the Trustees of the

building evidently think that the pro-

vision of such things is a superfluous

pandering to the Sybaritic weaknesses

of their patrons. The Theatre Royal

is part and parcel of the City Hall

and is, we know, a quasi-public

building. Nevertheless it is held,

we believe, for the benefit

of the public and we therefore fail to

see why something should not be done

by the Trustees to meet the very

reasonable wishes of the public. Sure-

ly it would pay Hongkong in the long

run to have a thoroughly modern and

comfortable playhouse with all the

necessary adjuncts and amenities, in-

stead of the Mid-Victorian anachro-

nism now masquerading as a Theatre

Royal. Cannot some one having

authority awake from their drowsing

the somnolent Trustees of the City

Hall and instil in their minds a sense

of their obligations towards the com-

munity? They have the site, the

opportunity, and the monopoly—but

these things may not always be ranged

on their side.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

During the last voyage from San

Francisco to Honolulu the liner Korea was

in touch with Los Angeles by wireless

telegraph.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice

Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs

to acknowledge with thanks the following

donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

D. W. Craddock ... \$10

The flagship Minotaur will leave for

the North to-night. After picking up

Admiral Winlock at Saddle Island the flag-

ship will proceed to Yokohama. She will

not, probably be sent here again until

November, when she will go into dock for

the purpose of being overhauled.

The lady reported, missing from the

P. and O. Macedonia, when nearing

Plymouth, is said to be the wife of the

Rev. Isaac B. Harper, of the Methodist

Church, Manila. She left the Philippines

in March with her husband and baby girl.

Police Constable T. Edge, of the Hong-

kong force, is proceeding home under most

pathetic circumstances. In the course of

his duty some nine years ago he came into

contact with a leprosy subject and caught

the disease. Since then he has been under

more or less constant treatment but has

not been cured, and now as a last resort he

is going home to see if anything can be

done for him by specialists in this disease.

The shipping trade of Hamburg is

growing so rapidly that it has now become

necessary to enlarge the shipping facilities

of the port once again. The Hamburg

Senate has just decided to borrow the sum

of \$2,250,000, which will be laid out at

once in extending the port by building

eight new docks with the usual accompa-

niment, one of the new docks being set

apart exclusively for petroleum tanks. The

projected work will be finished in five years.

A Russian semi-official telegram has

been received in St. Petersburg stating

that the situation in the province of Urdie

is of the most serious kind. Neither the

Persian authorities nor the Turkish com-

manders are doing anything to maintain

order, or for the security of the Christians

who are being oppressed. The Kurds are

raiding Christian villages nightly, carrying

off women and forcing them to adopt the

creed of Islam. The message concludes by

demanding energetic measures on the part

of the British and Russian Governments.

It is rather interesting to observe that

the Japanese papers are devoting some

attention to the question of the Formosa

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Thursday is Ascension day.

The English Mail of the 7th April

was delivered in London on the 2nd May.

The cargo of silk shipped on board the

M. M. A. S. Tonkin, which left this port on

the 29th March, was delivered in Lyons on

the 30th April.

The Association Football Cup Final

played between Newcastle and Barnsley,

ended in a draw, one goal each. In the

replay Newcastle won by 2 goals to nil.

There have now been five cases of

plague in Hongkong during the year. The

latest occurred in a house at New Fraya,

Kennedy Town, the victim, who succumbed,

being a Chinese.

During last week there were three

cases of enteric fever in the Colony and one

of diphtheria. From the former disease

two of the cases were fatal. All the sub-

jects were Orientals.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining

Company, Limited, report that the total

output of the Company's three mines for the

week ending 15th April amounted to

25,438.75 tons and the sales during the

period to \$9,177.34 tons.

At Cholon, a suburb of Saigon, a large

rice mill with surrounding rice and paddy

godowns and contents, was totally destroyed

by fire on the 18th ult. The insurance

total \$830,000, and several English and

Colonial Companies are interested.

A fine view of Halley's comet was

obtained for a few fleeting moments this

morning, just at sunrise. It presented a

brighter appearance than some people

expected. Unfortunately the early mists

on the horizon soon obscured it.

In connection with the landing of the

French Admiral yesterday it is interesting

to note that the guard of honour from the

13th Rajputs consisted of a number of

picked men, each wearing Tirah or Afghan

medals, and averaging six feet in height.

The colours were borne by a medalled

native officer and another wore a Frontier

medal and bvt. Lieut. Liepmann

was in command. The full band, many of

whose members also wore medals, was in

attendance and played the march "Entente

Cordiale."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Rev. Thomas Law, secretary to the

Free Church Council, has been found dead

in the sea at Brighton. He was suffering

from neurasthenia.

Mrs. Rubie and her two small daughters

left for the United States to-day by the

G.N. steamer Minnesota. The sympathy

of Hongkong accompanies her in this sad

journey.

Rear-Admiral Hugh Pigo, Williams, who

has been appointed Naval Adviser to

Turkey in succession to Rear-Admiral

Gambie, was Commodore at Hongkong

from 1903 to 1907.

Carnibalism is still practised in the

island of Ambrym, in the New Hebrides,

where, early last month, a chief having

died, the people seized his wives, butchered,

cooked, and ate them.

That the old veteran, Lieut. General

Nelson A. Miles, in his day the handsomest

man in the United States Army, has been

thrown from his horse in Washington and

sustained fractures of several ribs.

Four Yorkshire visitors were forgotten

on the Big Wheel at Blackpool, when it

finished its day's revolutions on Easter

Monday. They called attention to their

plight by striking matches and holding

them against the windows.

"The Girl Who Went Astray" is being

staged at the Nottingham Grand Theatre,

but the Watch Committee censored the

title. On all the hoardings the word was

therefore, pasted over, the title reading,

"The Girl Who Went—"

Not knowing the name of a witness

defendant at Tottenham Police Court said

she was outside the court, and was a ginger

person. The usher shouted Ginger! and a

girl with auburn hair immediately answered

the summons and went into the box.

The King has been pleased to give and

grant unto Sir Robert Edward Breton,

K.C.M.G., Acting Inspector-General of

the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs,

Peking, His Majesty's Royal licence and

authority to accept and wear the Insignia

of Commander of the First Class of the

Royal Order of the Polar Star, conferred

upon him by His Majesty the King of

Sweden, in recognition of valuable services

THE SHANGHAI RACES.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Hongkong Club and the Clerk of the Course of the Jockey Club we are able to publish to-day's results of the Shanghai Races up to the time of going to press.

THE SUBSCRIPTION GAINERS' PLATE. Value Tls. 200. For Subscription Grifts of this meeting. Three-quarters of a Mile. Mr. Saxo-Borniss's Hall's Comet. 1. (Mr. Moller) 2. (Mr. Moller) 3. (Mr. Moller)

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SCOTTISH LEGAL "WUT."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Edinburgh, April 8.

Away from their dry-as-dust books there is no more entertaining section of the community than the legal profession. The Edinburgh University Forensic Club gave an example of this at their annual dinner.

Almost every speaker had a story to tell. Mr. W. P. S. Gibson opened with a story of a barrister who was blind in one eye. He wore spectacles. On one occasion he set out to give what he intended to be a damaging indictment, and opened by saying to the jury, "Gentlemen, I only propose to use in this case what is absolutely necessary." His brilliant speech, however, was rendered practically useless by a wag remarking, "Well, take one of the glasses out of your spectacles."

The same speaker reminded his hearers that "Lawyers, like shears though keen, take care not to cut themselves but what is in between."

Sheriff Guy followed this up with the tale of a Scotsman who went to a lawyer to get his will drawn up.

After taking counsel, notes the lawyer said, "I am sorry, sir, but I am a lawyer surviving you to make some alteration upon your provision if she should marry again."

"Oh, yes. What am I leaving her?" "£100 a year."

"Most mon make it less," pointed out the lawyer.

"Oh, ay," replied the Scot, "but the man who takes her will deserve it."

Sheriff Macaulay Smith gave a reminiscence of his old friend the Sheriff Strachan, who had a curious method of pleading. He was always driving his points home with his hand. On one occasion he happened to be addressing a jury before Lord Fraser. Mr. Strachan was standing close to the Bench and was losing himself in the excitement of his case and rambling volumes of Rhetoric on the table beside him.

Lord Fraser thereupon said "Mr. Strachan, excuse me for interrupting you in your address. It is not altogether that I am frightened for any personal injury, but I wish you to kindly remember that these volumes are the lawful property of the Faculty of Advocates."

Mr. Dykes, the president of the club, then took his counsel upon a subject of a judge for interrupting. After interposing on several occasions this judge said "Look here, sir, your arguments are just going in at one ear and out at the other."

"Well, my Lord, what is there to prevent it?" queried counsel.

Sheriff Guy capped his previous efforts with a story of a Glasgow man who one night got very much the worse for drink. He fell asleep in some out-of-the-way place and awakened with an alarming thirst, and what he must term a "burning" hunger. Stumbling home over Glasgow Bridge, the man espied a potato van and thought here was his salvation. He stopped the van and shouted, "Here I have you my table!"

"Now, they're a done?" replied the hawker.

"Hae ye any pates?" then asked the bumbling patron.

"Naw, they're a done," again came the reply.

"Oh! damn," said the man, but before he could say more he was asked, "Hae ye any pates?"

"Aye, I've plenty sent."

"Well, she's a 'make's' worth, and I'll eat yer—cuddy."

THE PREVENTION OF PLAGUE.

Not Merely A Question of Sanitation.

In the Victoria of India's Legislative Council recently Indian members laid stress upon the fact that Europeans in India escaped the ravages of plague whereas the Indian population suffered terribly owing to the failure of Government to carry out a policy of sanitary improvement.

The speaker, who is a member of the Council, is a prominent one in the cause of plague. They infer that the reason why Europeans escape this fatal disease is that they are living in more sanitary surroundings than those which obtain in Indian cities and villages. Now, Sir, if there is one thing that we have learnt in the last 15 years it is that plague has nothing whatever to do with pollution of the soil, contamination of water supply, or defective drainage; and large sums of money have been spent by Government without any effect as regards the checking of the disease. Recent discoveries have proved that plague is essentially a disease of rats, and that the medium of communication between rat and man is the rat flea. What happens when plague breaks out amongst human beings is this: First of all the rats are attacked. So soon as this happens, they begin to run away from the infected house, but in so doing they leave their nests behind them, and in giving up the habit of storing grain in the house, throwing remnants of food about in its vicinity, and by allowing collections of rubbish behind which rats can make their nests. So long as the rat remains a house dweller, so long will the danger of plague continue; and until this fact is appreciated it is useless for Government to squander large sums of money on sanitary improvements of doubtful value. I wish, however, to state distinctly that I must not be understood as depreciating sanitary improvements on general terms. I merely wish to point out that, as regards this particular disease of plague, it is the habits of the people and not want of care on the part of Government which is largely responsible for the persistence of the epidemic.

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SOUTH AFRICAN PORTSTHE Steamship DELHI, Captain G. W.
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kong, on SATURDAY, the 14th
May, 1910, at Noon, taking Passengers
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signees of Cargo are hereby informed that
their Cargo will be delivered from along-
side.Cargo impeding the discharge will be
landed at once at Consignees' risk and
expense. Cargo remaining on board after
4 p.m. of the 4th inst. will be landed and
stored at Consignees' risk and expense.No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the undersigned.DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 2, 1910.

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NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
BREMER.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
FRINZ WALDEMAR,
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods, with the
exception of Opium, Treasure and Valua-
bles, are being landed at 10 a.m. at their
risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazar-
dous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
Kowloon and West Point Godowns, whence
delivery may be obtained.No claims will be admitted after the
goods have left the Godowns, and all goods
remaining undelivered after the 9th of
May will be subject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns where they
will be examined on the 9th of May, at
9.30 a.m.All claims must reach us before the 13th
of May, 1910, or they will not be
recognized.No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the undersigned.NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELOCHERS & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, May 2, 1909.

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landed at their risk into the hazardous
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the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Limited, whence and/or
from the wharves delivery may be obtained.No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th
May will be subject to rent.All claims against the steamer must be
presented to the undersigned on or before
the 15th May, or they will not be re-
cognized.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 5th May, at
11 a.m.No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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Hongkong, April 23, 1910.

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—Fire Funds £3,958,974 15 3
—Life & Annuity Funds £14,516,842 10 8
—Sinking Fund Account £9,307 5 8£18,114,624 11 1
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Hongkong, September 4, 1909.

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Shanghai (Steamer).....Lv.	Dairen (Train).....Ar.	1.00 p.m.	"	"
Changchun (Train).....Lv.	Dairen (Train).....Ar.	10.54 p.m.	"	"
Mukden (Train).....Lv.	Dairen (Train).....Ar.	10.45 p.m.	"	"
Changchun (Train).....Lv.	Dairen (Train).....Ar.	8.00 p.m.	"	"
Harbin (Train).....Lv.	Dairen (Train).....Ar.	4.30 p.m.	"	"
Shanghai (Steamer).....Lv.	Dairen (Train).....Ar.	8.30 p.m.	"	"

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11.20 a.m.	8.40 p.m.	4.15 a.m.	4.30 a.m.	1.30 p.m.
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"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"

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